



# City of Peabody

## Department of Community Development and Planning

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November 30, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman  
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner  
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner  
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
455 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Southwest  
Washington, DC, 20544

*RE: MB Docket No 05-311 In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*

We are writing in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. We oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reached in the proceeding because of their impacts on our community.

The City of Peabody's Community Development Department has had a very strong relationship with Public Educational and Government (PEG) Access and community television.

Each year, many of our commission and board meetings are broadcast throughout the community, allowing those that may not be able to attend the meetings the ability to see government in action, to keep up with current news and events, and to participate in local government. In many cases it is the only contact many of our seniors and working population has with local government.

In addition, their ability to produce numerous City programs and broadcasts allows our community members a better understanding of the Community Development process. Community television has helped film the "Made in Peabody" video series, which highlights new and exciting small business development in our City. Community television has also worked with our Department to record the history of development and projects in Peabody, dating back decades, and allowing us to use these recordings for presentation purposes. Throughout the years, they have worked with us to produce shows highlighting important and often controversial projects, providing us the mechanism to reach out to our local citizens and explain the complexities involved in these projects.

This benefit to our citizens and the City of Peabody's Community Development Department was what was intended when Congress set up the Cable Act. PEG Access does not solely benefit a local government or franchising authority: It benefits and strengthens the community as a whole.

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they opt for local channels, the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG channels to serve communities such as ours. We ask that it not be adopted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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